

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 24, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 642, 3/23/2017; HB 647, 3/23/2017; HB 650, 3/23/2017
Executive Action: HB 365; HB 550; HB 558

00:01:07 Chair Ballance
00:03:22 Recessed
00:19:01 Reconvened - with Rep. Woods present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 365

00:19:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 365 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 550

00:19:54 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 550 DO PASS**.

00:20:04 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 550 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(aph61b01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:20:52 Rep. Cook
00:21:12 Rep. Keane
00:21:24 Rep. Cook

00:21:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Bartel, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Glimm and Rep. D. Jones voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins voted by proxy.

00:23:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 550 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 10-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. D. Jones, Rep. Keane, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins voted by proxy.

00:25:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 550 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 558

00:25:37 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 558 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:25:41 Rep. Cook

00:26:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

00:27:53 **Motion:** Rep. Dudik moved that **HB 46 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

00:29:17 Rep. Knokey

00:29:39 Rep. Dudik

00:30:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Hopkins were excused.

HEARING ON HB 650**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:11 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 650, Implement the provisions of the general appropriations bill Section D.

00:34:29 Chair Ballance relinquished the chair to Rep. Holmlund

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:05 Mike Milburn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:37:36 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:33 Ryan Sharkey, Self

00:39:42 Darcy Coffman, Self

00:41:11 Jacob Nelson, Self

00:44:08 Paul Cory, Great Falls Pre-Release Center

00:46:28 Jim Ahrens, Great Falls Pre-Release Center

00:48:10 Rep. Schreiner

00:50:36 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:51:32 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(aph61b02)**Informational Testimony:**

00:54:37 Loraine Wodnik, Department of Corrections (COR)

00:55:27 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:56 Rep. Patelis

00:57:14 Loraine Wodnik, COR

00:57:20 Rep. Dudik

00:57:39 Loraine Wodnik, COR

00:58:49 Rep. Ellis

00:59:31 Rep. Brodehl

01:00:28 Loraine Wodnik, COR

01:01:08 Rep. Peppers

01:03:31 Paul Cory, Great Falls Pre-Release Center

01:04:12 Rep. Keane

01:05:08 Mike Milburn, DOJ
01:05:22 Rep. Keane
01:05:40 Mike Milburn, DOJ
01:05:48 Rep. Ballance and Rep. Cook left the meeting
01:06:02 Liz Bangerter, Department of Justice (DOJ)
01:06:54 Rep. Keane
01:13:15 Liz Bangerter, DOJ
01:13:42 Rep. Lynch
01:15:25 Loraine Wodnik, COR
01:15:31 Rep. Dudik
01:16:04 Liz Bangerter, DOJ
01:16:21 Rep. Dudik
01:16:33 Liz Bangerter, DOJ
01:16:40 Rep. Hamlett
01:18:26 Paul Cory, Great Falls Pre-Release Center
01:19:00 Rep. Hamlett
01:19:39 Loraine Wodnik, COR
01:20:54 Rep. Ryan
01:21:37 Loraine Wodnik, COR
01:23:21 Rep. Ellis
01:23:49 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:24:27 Rep. Keane
01:24:50 Liz Bangerter, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:21 Rep. Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 647**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:50 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 647, Generally revise education funding, implement general appropriations bill.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:05 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:45 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 642**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:59 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 642, Implement the provisions of the general appropriations bill Sec. A.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:22 Vice Chair McCarthy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:10 Rep. Tschida

Committee Business:

01:36:20 Chair Holmlund

01:36:31 Joe Triem, LFD

01:38:25 Chair Holmlund

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:38:47

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph61bad.pdf](#))